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: Mr. R.J. Smith  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Mr. Arthur C. Lundahl  
Director  
National Photographic Interpretation Center

SUBJECT

: Commendation

I am writing to express my appreciation and commendation for the outstanding work done by you and your associates in producing the model we gave to the Department of Defense last August to aid our military colleagues in mounting a sensitive and important operation. From Secretary Laird personally and, through him, from those directly involved in the operation, I have received high praise and thanks for this model. It was found to be accurate to the smallest detail and this accuracy contributed materially to the smooth execution of the operation in question. The skill and imagination displayed in putting this model together reflects great credit on your abilities, thoroughness and professionalism. I therefore want to add my own personal word of praise by forwarding this note of thanks for your first rate piece of work.

At the same time, I want to stress the great degree of continuing sensitivity of the details of this project and, particularly our ancillary role therein. As you know, this activity has been widely discussed and is the focus of much politically charged public interest. It is therefore

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imperative that we tighten rather than ease up on our own security. Thus while conveying my congratulations for your outstanding personal contribution to this project, I want also to bespeak your continuing discretion concerning the nature and extent of that contribution.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms  
Director

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